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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the above-mentioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 17, please delete "ΦB" and insert therefor --ΦA--.

Page 6, line 6, please delete "Table 7" and insert therefor --Table 8--.

IN THE CLAIMS:

--26. A reflective liquid crystal display device provided with a polarizing plate, a $\lambda/4$ plate and a liquid crystal cell containing a liquid crystal layer between two substrates [with transparent electrodes] each with an electrode with at least one of the electrodes being a transparent electrode in that order, the reflective liquid crystal display device employing as the $\lambda/4$ plate a retardation film comprising a single oriented polycarbonate film, wherein the retardation at wavelengths of 450 nm and 550 nm satisfies the following formula (1):

$$R(450)/R(550) < 1$$

where R(450) and R(550) represent the in-plane retardation of the oriented polymer film at wavelengths of 450 nm and 550 nm, respectively, and R(550) is 100-180 nm.--.

REMARKS

The above amendment(s) are made for editorial purposes.

Applicants submit no questions of new matter should arise and entry is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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